

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings 2006-2007, 30 October 2006

Question: PM 44

Outcome 1, Output 4.5

Topic: Costs incurred by Dr Hollingworth

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Senator Evans asked:

- 1. In response to House of Representatives question 3533, from the Member for Banks, the Prime Minister indicated that the costs of support incurred by Dr Hollingworth for the period January 2005 to May 2006 were broken down as:
Property Operating Expenses \$157,850
Staff \$106,441
Support \$22,822
Travel (including vehicles) \$26,654**
- b. With regard to costs incurred for staff, please indicate how many staff are employed, their roles and whether they are employed in a full or part time capacity for Dr Hollingworth?**
- c. Please indicate the type of expenses included in the designation 'support'.**
- d. Please provide a detailed breakdown of the \$22,822 worth of expenses listed as 'support'.**
- e. Please provide a detailed breakdown of all air fare costs included in the \$26,654 for 'travel'. Please indicate the date and purpose of each journey, the class travelled in and the number of passengers.**
- f. Please provide a detailed breakdown of all vehicle costs included in the \$26,654 for 'travel'. Please indicate the type of vehicles provided, the costs of the vehicles, the costs of maintenance, the cost of petrol and all other vehicle expenses.**
- g. Please indicate the nature of driver services provided to Dr Hollingworth, including the number of hours per week a driver is available, the hours of availability and whether or not a driver is available for private purposes as well as Dr Hollingworth's official business.**
- h. Please indicate the nature and value of any other expenses included under 'travel' which have not been accounted for under parts c and f above, including accommodation, meals, taxis and incidentals.**
- i. Please indicate whether or not Dr Hollingworth is able to retain for personal benefit any frequent flyer points earned through travel undertaken at public expense.**

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- j. Please indicate how many frequent flyer points have been earned by Dr Hollingworth through taxpayer funded travel, and whether any of those points have been redeemed for official and/or personal travel, as well as providing details of the travel.**

Answer:

The Prime Minister answered House of Representatives question 3533 on 4 September 2006.

Expenditure was appropriate and within normal operating expenses.